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## All Plans in Readiness for Big Soph Formal Saturday Night

"If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to his door." Emerson

On Saturday night, May 15, 1948, a great many of the world in this section are going to beat a path to the U.T.J.C. gym, because they've just heard that the Sophomore Class is sponsoring another one of those wonderful formal for which they've become famous. The dance will last from 8 till 12 o'clock. This formal is one of the last socials that will be sponsored by this Sophomore Class, and committees have been appointed to make it "the best yet." Chairman of the different committees are as follows: Decorating Committee, Woody King; Orchestra Committee, Wilora Nowell; Refreshment Committee, Dorothy Knapp; Invitation and Publicity Committee, Jessie Sparks; Check Room, Randall Lattrell; Program Committee, Marion Jetton; Ticket Committee, Virginia Cude.

All the committees are hard at work on plans, as can easily be seen by the fact that the orchestra committee has arranged to have

That orchestra of renown  
To come down,  
All the way from Memphis town,  
And give out with music that  
Will banish every frown  
—The orchestra of Clarence Allen!

## Mr. Meek To Deliver Class Address At Cottage Grove High

Paul Meek, Executive Officer of The University of Tennessee Junior College, will deliver the class address for Cottage Grove High School, Paris, May 19.

On May 20 he will give an address at Huntington High School.

Mr. Meek delivered the class address for the Maury City High School, Friday, May 7. Twenty-five students from Crockett County are attending the Junior College this year.

On Wednesday evening, May 5, Mr. Meek gave the address for the graduating class at Cloverdale High School in Obion County. There are 64 students attending the Junior College this year from Obion County.

Other commencement addresses given by Mr. Meek recently include those given at Decaturville High School, April 30; Rutherford High School, April 23; and Bradford High School, April 22. The number of Bradford High School graduates enrolled at the Junior College is the largest in the history of the Junior College. Mr. Meek said.

In other public relations work, Mr. Meek pointed out 20 members of the Junior College faculty have been visiting this spring the various counties of West Tennessee, commencing with a food station, agricultural extension, guests, and high school students in regard to the services offered at the Junior College.

This student program is the way of the Junior College, Mr. Meek said, and it has been followed for a number of years. However, during the war so many activities were restricted because of travel limitations. For the past two years, the faculty head at the College has been so glad that contacts with the high schools had to be minimized. Now, with veterans completing their two years of training, the Junior College will be open to regular non-veteran students in whatever number they may desire to come.

## Charles Bivens To Represent U. T. Jr. College In Typing Contest

Charles Bivens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bivens, will go to Memphis on May 8 to participate in the Mid-South Typing Contest, according to an announcement made by Jasper F. Grover, head of the Department of Business Administration at The University of Tennessee Junior College.

Mr. Bivens will be accompanied by Mr. Grover and Miss Joyce Claytor. Miss Claytor will not participate in the competition but will visit the contest as a student majoring in business education.

"This contest should be of much interest," said Mr. Grover in making the announcement, "for contestants will enter from as far south as Florida and as far west as California."

## S.C.A. Party A Big Treat

"Swing yo' padnuh!" "Can you swim?" "Let's play badminton!" Where could all these very different phrases be heard? Why, at the SCA party on the night of April 3 at the gym, of course.

That's right! There was square dancing, badminton, shuffleboard, rook, ping-pong, swimming, and refreshments (coke in the coke machine) to be had at this very different party—different from those formal, that is. We all like formal but for a good, old-fashioned, "let-yourself-go," relaxing party, we can depend on the Student Christian Association.

All our boys and little ole "Esther Williams" got to show off their swimming prowess that they've been learning in Phys. Ed. Everybody seemed to like the idea of having the pool open and getting to swim at night.

Mr. Henson and Billy Scruggs did a wonderful job of planning the program for the evening, because it was apparent from the bright, beaming faces that everyone was having a very, very good time. This included the chaperones too. Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Smith, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Cole, who all seemed to hate to leave when 11 o'clock rolled around.

S.C.A. we're "in" some more of these parties where everybody can have an enjoyable evening of all-around, good, clean fun.

The Student Christian Association followed up their party with a marshmallow roast at their regular meeting, April 6, in the gym. Songs and songs were sung, and the SCA seemed to have made a great headway in clearing up the "darkness" of the mind of the students, and seemed to have a very successful evening.

## Freeman Hall Goes All Out

Friday, April 23, 1948, was a happy occasion for Freeman Hall. It was the day for the annual homecoming to Sullivan County. Promptly at 6:30 p.m. the hall was filled with people. There was a wonderful time, with singing, dancing, and eating. The food consisted of hot food with all the fixings, apples, potato chips, and cold drinks. Much pleasure was had in singing songs and telling tall tales until it was time to go back. At first it looked as if one of the trucks wasn't going to start, but to the sorrow of many, it did, and we arrived back at Freeman Hall in time to hear eleven o'clock strike.

## Any Old Books For Sale??

On Friday, April 24, 1948, students dragged out old, worn, and discarded textbooks and traded with them to the bookstore. The reason for this was the book store from a used book store. Who established himself at a desk at the bookstore where he spent time until 5 o'clock purchasing those books for resale. The old books brought in welcome bits of cash as well as presenting a few reader bookcases.

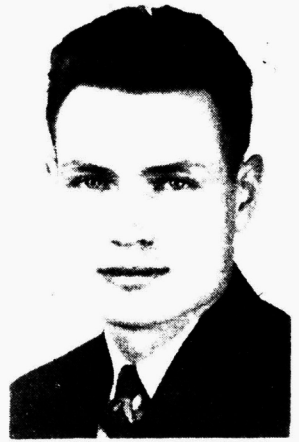
## Fain and Gibson Heading Sophs

Jack Fain and Robert H. Gibson have been elected by the Sophomore Class to serve as President and Vice-president this quarter.

Jack is a pre-law student from



Jack Fain



Robert H. Gibson

MALE, JR. Fain, a pre-law student from... Gibson, a student from...

## Campus Leaders Elected

The Student Body elected the following officers: President, Jack Fain; Vice-President, Robert H. Gibson; Secretary, ...; Treasurer, ...; ...

## Accepts Chair At Memphis State College

Mr. Allen H. Brown, instructor in the Department of English, has announced that he has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of English at Memphis State College, Memphis, Tenn., beginning September 1, 1948.

## Aloha Oe Program Was Held Saturday Night

### U.T.J.C. Represented At Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival was held at Humboldt, Tenn., Tuesday, May 11, 1948. The U.T.J.C. was represented by ...

The royal beauties rode in the Friday morning festival parade on a very attractive float which was built by the Ag boys. This was the first time that the students have completely designed and built their own float.

The float, which was designed by Roy Gayden, was constructed by a large crew of Ag students. G. T. Moore served as chairman of the float committee. The boys worked both night and day for two weeks to complete their float entry. The school will share the expenses of the float with the Ag Club.

The Ag Club is certainly appreciated for its work in sponsoring the Strawberry Festival Royalty from U.T.J.C.

## Freshmen Entertain Sophomores With Ball Game, Supper-Dance

Did the freshmen honor the sophomores? Everyone will agree that the Saturday of April 24 was quite a day for everyone. The freshman class under the sponsorship of Miss Cleveland and Miss Kountz, and headed by officers Neil Smith, Mark Fairless, and Betty McNeil, really did a splendid job of providing a gala afternoon and evening of fun for everyone.

Beginning at 3 o'clock with a softball game between the freshmen and sophomores, the freshmen completely honored the sophomores. Of course they let the sophomores win the ball game just to show them that the day was truly dedicated to the sophomores.

At 5:20 there was a sack supper on the campus without sacks. Students went into the dining hall as usual, but instead of being greeted by a regular meal, they were served plates piled high with tasty sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, and large squares of chocolate cake. Paper cups of soft drinks were then served.

The supper was a great success, and the freshmen really did a splendid job of providing a gala afternoon and evening of fun for everyone.

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The Aloha Oe Program was held at Humboldt, Tenn., Tuesday, May 11, 1948.

Ed Neil White, president of the Ag Club, installed the officers for 1948. Donald March from Humboldt, Tenn., is the new president. Guilford Thornton, Browns'ville, Tenn., and Jo Bennett, Dyer, Tenn., were elected as vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

James Glasgow, 1941 graduate, welcomed the Sophomore class into the alumni association and a response was given by John R. Fain, president of the Sophomore class.

### Jessie Sparks Wins Sophomore Award

Presentation of awards was made by Mr. Paul Meek, executive officer. The All Student Club award for the outstanding sophomore went to Jessie Eugenia Sparks, Linden, Tenn. Jessie received the Volunteer symbol as the result of an election held by the Sophomore class.

The outstanding students in the Forum Club are Russell Regen McCashin, Trenton, Tenn., and Carolyn Louise Davis, Martin, Tenn.

Outstanding students in various curricula of the college are: Agriculture (1) William Day Brown, Buena Vista, Tenn., and (2) Philip Hutton Summers, Ardmore, Tenn.; Ag. Engineering (1) Ralph Rodgers Moffatt, Knoxville, Tenn., and (2) Swanne Burrus Lawrence, Jackson, Tenn.; Business Administration (1) Roselynn Joyce Claytor, Dresden, Tenn., and (2) John Fleming Pate, Martin, Tenn.; Education (1) Francis Wade Culhett, Martin, Tenn., and (2) Betty Elaine Moore, Sharon, Tenn.; Engineering (1) Odell Eason, Bills, Tenn., and (2) Andrew J. Roby, Mason, Tenn.; Home Economics (1) Dorothy Lucile Knapp, Martin, Tenn., and (2) Lou Maye, Paducah, Tenn.; Liberal Arts (1) Gladys Elizabeth Jones, Newbern, Tenn., and (2) Billy Charles Peck, Parsons, Tenn. The outstanding boy in Physical Education was Harold Alexander Mullins, Humboldt, Tenn., and the girl was Ann Elizabeth Mitchell, Bolivar, Tenn.

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### Reception Following

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## Former U.T.J.C. Student Takes A Bride

Mr. ... took a bride. The wedding was held at ...





## Shelton Is New Ag Instructor

The Agriculture Department's newest addition, Mr. Morris Shelton, has a right to feel at home here at U.T.J.C. He attended school here from 1941 to '43. "Although many expansions and changes have been made, the school is still very familiar to me," he said.

Mr. Shelton's education was interrupted by the war. He served as an enlisted man on a submarine in the Navy. He saw action in various parts of the South Pacific.

Mr. Shelton's home town is Collinwood, Tenn. "Very few people

know anything about Collinwood, but it is in Wayne County," he explained. He graduated from High School at Collinwood.

Having returned to school at Knoxville in the fall of '47, Mr. Shelton received his degree in animal husbandry at the close of the winter quarter. There was very little time for vacation before taking up his duties here at the beginning of the spring quarter.

Girls, here is your chance. Mr. Shelton is not married. If you plan to take any of his courses, you must choose either animal husbandry or dairying.

## POETRY

(With Apologies to Shakespeare)  
To study, or not to study; that is the question

Whether 'tis smarter in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous exams,

Or to take up books against a lot of troubles,

And by studying end them? To cram; to sleep

No more; and by a sleep to say we end

The heartache and the thousand natural shocks

The students are heirs to, 'tis a consumption

Devoutly to be wished. To study, to cram;

To cram: perchance to pass: Ay there's the rub:

For in that desperate cramming where knowledge may come

When we have shuffled off this stupid coil

Must give us pause there's the respect

That make calamity of so little study;

For who would bear the whips and scorns of exams,

The professor's worn, the smart man's contumely

The pangs of despised F's the grades delay,

The insolence of office and the spurs

That patient review of the unworthy takes,

When he himself might his credits make.

With a little study? Who would those exams bear!

To groan and sweat under a weary teacher,

But that the dread of something after exams,

The undiscovered failure from whose knots

No student recovers, puzzles the brain

And make us rather pass those tests we have

Thought fly to others that we know not of?

Thus knowledge does make cowards of us all;

And thus the native hue of resolution

Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,

And morons of great path and moment

With this regard their studies turn away,

And lose the name of student.

## Ag Dinner-Dance Quite All "Reet"

Dis is Spring,  
De boids are on de wing.  
How absoid!  
De wings are on de boid.

As you can see, spring is here, and "In the spring a young man's fancy . . ."

Well, anyway, the "Ag" Club evidently had something on their minds besides agriculture when they planned that wonderful semi-formal dinner-dance they gave Friday night, April 9, at the Strata Club.

This dinner-dance was rather unique and unusual in more ways than one. "Ferinstance," the speeches given by William Brown, M.C. and president of the club, Mr. McMahan, Mr. Meek, and Mr. Detchon were all short. Short speeches at a dinner!!! Must have been spring fever!

Another unusual feature was the fact that the girls were not jealously looking around to see "if Jane got orchids while I only got gardenias." Strange as it seems, the girls all had corsages exactly alike (thanks to Mr. Smith's suggestion and Mr. McMahan's generosity with the greenhouse flowers) and they were beautiful, corsages, that is. The girls, too.

Looked quite all "reet" When they went to the Strata to eat.

And to swing and sway To the music of the band that knows how to play.  
To the music of the band of Billy Crossway!

And last, but not least—guess what?? Mr. Meek gave the girls permission to stay out 'til 11:45 on a Friday night!!! When this happened, everyone knew that Spring had really arrived and that our executive officer also seemed to

## TRAILER CAMP NEWS

By Myrtle H. Pate

Spring has been welcomed by the members of the camp with much pleasure. Spring cleaning, of course, is not so pleasant; but the beautiful weather overshadows this small factor.

We have within our camp some new members:

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Vowell from Fulton, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rose, also from Fulton, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Suddorth from Haiti, Mo. The Suddorths have been in Martin since the first of the Winter Quarter living at 212 Poplar Street. They are both enrolled in school.

We are very sorry that Mrs. Jordan is ill and at home. We hope that she will soon be well enough

have contracted that strange, contagious malady which everyone now seems to have—Spring Fever!

At 11:45 the boys escorted their girl friends home after another "perfect" party to add to their memories of the pleasures of college life.

to be back with us soon.

Mrs. Thurmond and daughter spent last week at home in Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Taylor and son, Robert, Jr., spent the weekend in Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lofton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollingsworth at their home in Lexington last weekend.

School is fast drawing to a close. We are going to be glad, but yet we will be sorry, for several of our members will be leaving and we will be sorry to see them go.

## I LOVE BEAUTY

I love the beauty some have captured in song,

Seen in Him who rights our wrong,

That is given to the earth,

Which young things have at birth,

Of the stillness of the night,

Of the rectitude of right,

Of the purity of the rose,

Of the way by which it grows,

Of the winter with its snow,

Of the night-frost with its glow,

I see spread across the skies,

That is glowing in your eyes,

Of the song-birds in the trees,

I love the beauty of all of these.

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By many dark-complexioned men  
And six or seven fair.

My heart is always breaking;  
The world seems lone and drear;  
I long to end it all, about  
A dozen times a year.

I meet a man and rue it  
And plan to end my days;  
I somehow never do it.  
(Procrastination pays.)

My heart is always breaking;  
It doesn't mean a thing.  
So do not be too proud to know  
You broke my heart this spring.

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Fascination this is due;  
It's only by the merest chance  
It happened to be you!

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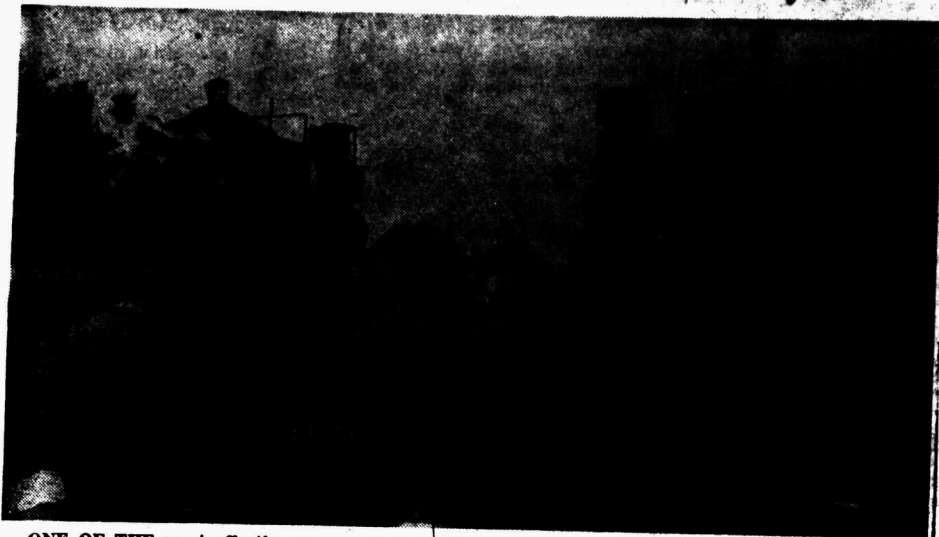
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ONE OF THE most effective means of interesting recruits, as many National Guard units have found, is the display of equipment. For the 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, Tennessee National Guard, this means showing—among other items—some of the D-7 caterpillar tractors turned over to the unit from U. S. Army surplus. Here, Guardsmen of the 105th, located in Martin, Tenn., get ready to roll the big cats off a flatcar.

Many people lack information about our National Guard; therefore I will give you the knowledge to which I have access. Our National Guard is the War Department's present plan for national defense. The National Guard has been assigned an enormous job and is the most important task ever assigned to the National Guard in peacetime. It is an integral part of the Army of the United States and stands along with the Regular Army and the Reserve Corps in importance.

Our National Guard has a proposed peacetime strength of 682,000 officers and enlisted men, which surpasses any previous contemplation. It is organized in several states, the District of Columbia, and the Territories. Under the supervision of the Regular Army, it is trained to be capable of immediate expansion to war strength in time of emergency. Other duties of the National Guard include: aid to people in times of flood, fires, or major disasters, and is available to the Governor in time of state disorder.

Our immediate effect which is felt by us is the 105th Engineer Combat Battalion which is located in Martin. Under the capable command of Lt. Col. James Corbitt, the 105th has grown to a strength of 425 enlisted men and 22 officers. The 105th was the first completely activated battalion in the state. It is composed of Company A, Medical Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company, located in Martin. Company B in Union City, Company C in Paris, and the 2998th Engineer Trdg. Br. Co in Milan.

Company A and Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company have brought to Martin more than just an organization for training men for self-defense; it has brought a considerable amount of money to the city; it has helped college students. The National Guard conducts its meetings one night a week (2 hours) in the college gym. One is paid a full day's pay—\$2.50 for a private to \$5.50 for a first sergeant—for these two hours per week. This is based on Regular Army pay.

The United States is not "sticking its neck out." We do not want war, but neither did we want war in December 1941; however, we were forced into one of the most terrifying wars ever recorded. We do not want to be caught "napping" again because we saw its results during this last unforgettable war. Life was hurried and the lack of time was one of our greatest disadvantages. Inquire at the National Guard headquarters at the Junior College gymnasium for information about enlistments. Remember—the National Guard is our safeguard for tomorrow's uncertainty join it and we will be better able to meet the future with a steady hand and a ready mind!

**Aloha Oe . . .**

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Chenette, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor and Mr. Shirley. Miss Koontz and Miss Hawkins also assisted in entertaining the approximately 275 guests.

**Home Economics Club Elects Officers**

The Home Ec. Club met at its regular meeting time, Monday night, May 4. The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers for the club for 1948-49. The girls elected to serve the club are as follows:

President, Betty Mills; vice-president, Betty Milligan; secretary-treasurer, Addie Ruth Steele.

The reporter will be elected from the Freshman class this fall. An outstanding freshman Home Ec. student will be selected at the next meeting.

We were honored by a talk from Sai Weng Lee on the conditions of China compared with America.

**Sophomores Honored . .**

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Miss Joy Kerby wearing aqua taffeta received in the living room with Miss Helen Hawkins who was gowned in black crepe, with shoulder corsage of purple.

Misses Ann White and Ann Fuller in light blue and aqua eyelet pique directed the guests to a dining room, where Misses Sallie Campbell and Sue Baldrige, dressed in green and white crepe, respectively, served punch.

The dining room table which had been arranged by Miss Bobby Elliott, was covered with a beautiful medera cloth and centered with a lovely arrangement of colorful mixed spring flowers, flanked by burning white candles.

Assorted sandwiches, cookies and punch were served by Misses Addie Ruth Steele, Hanah Finch, Bettie Milligan, Carrie Jean Cates, Gradine Balentine, Virginia Polk.

**THE MEN'S DORMITORY**

By Lawrence Rogers

Upon arrival at the University of Tennessee Junior College, I was assigned to room 46 upstairs in the east wing of the men's dormitory. Being just two weeks out of the Army, I was more than a little disappointed at the marked resemblance between the dormitory and an army barracks. I felt exactly as I had on my first day in service when Mrs. Thomas, our matron, issued me two army blankets and gave me a mimeographed form to fill out and sign. I realized happily when she gave me the sheets and pillowcases that this could not be the infantry. Bed linen is only a vague memory to an unfortunate GI, and it is limited in the Army to the privileged non-coms and commissioned officers.

After the innumerable threats and cursings heaped upon me as a private or yardbird, the friendly atmosphere on the campus was a pleasant relief. A standard regulation seems to be: never pass anyone without a neighborly greeting. They told us the salute replaced the respectful "How do you do" of civilian life, but I regarded it as an ill-conceived discrepancy to be avoided at all costs.

My college life began with in-

roductions to about 30 fellow students, and I failed to remember the name of a single one. I soon discovered that study took a back seat to pinocle in the lives of collegians. It wasn't long before I was invited to sit in on a game. I didn't know how to spell the game, much less play it, and I immediately entered the rank of a jerk in the other men's opinions. I am seldom asked to play any more.

A new student is always an object of curiosity to the veterans, and I was no exception. Being of the round-eyed and innocent looking species, I was systematically taken in hand and given advice by several of my future friends. This was a new experience to me, for in the Army I was never told how to do anything until I had just proven my stupidity by doing it incorrectly. Weighing all the advice carefully, I accepted the most sound of it, but decided to withhold judgment on some of the more radical suggestions. One by one, each man visited me, dropping invaluable hints, informing me of the local evils available, and asking the usual tactless questions regarding my intentions, present and future.

It wasn't until a rather humorous incident occurred that I realized my efforts toward friendship had not been in vain. After a most pleasant weekend at home, I arrived at school full of that morbid feeling which always precedes Monday mornings. I met Mrs. Thomas in the lobby; and after discussing the possibility of more rain, I climbed the stairs unsuspectingly to my room. The sight that greeted my tired eyes was one of utter destruction. My room had been "stacked" and was in a state of suspended animation. The bed clothes had been removed and stuffed on a shelf. The bed was turned on its side and piled high with my desk, chairs, books, and other paraphernalia. The chest, which usually contains drawers, contained nothing. The drawers were stacked in one corner and draped over with a blanket. Now I knew I had been tried by the jury, and that I had not been found wanting.

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